

# BURNS AND GOOD SHOULD KEEP PHILLIES STEADY WHILE KILLEFER AND CRAVATH ARE OUT

## PHILLY TEAM WOULD NOT BE HANDICAPPED BY THE LOSS OF KILLEFER AND CRAVATH Star Catcher and Outfielder Have Able Understudies in Eddie Burns and Wilbur Good

THE temporary loss of Bill Killefer and Gavy Cravath was not as great a handicap to the Phillies as Philadelphia fans commonly believe. Naturally, if Killefer were not able to play again this year, Moran's champions would have to play spectacular baseball to beat out Brooklyn and the Braves. But the fleet catcher's arm is not nearly as badly hurt now as it was last season, when he was forced out of the line-up at the critical point in the season and also was prevented from taking part in the world's series against the Red Sox.

While the injured Phillies were out of the game Eddie Burns and Wilbur Good was able to take care of their respective positions sufficiently well to prevent any decrease in the average offensive and defensive power of the club. Burns is hitting ten points above Killefer now, and furthermore, he has been hitting better in the pinches than at any other time. As far as the actual receiving is concerned, Eddie can also take care of that for several weeks without developing any noticeable stiffness. He has done it before and there is no reason why he should not repeat. The pitchers upon whom Moran is depending to drive the team to the top of the league are veterans and need little nursing from the catcher.

Nevertheless, whenever the occasion arises Eddie Burns will do his part in the most approved fashion. He is one of the smartest catchers in the game, theoretically and in actual play. He performs as quickly as he thinks and thinks ahead of every play.

Cravath and Killefer were able to start in the first game today, but may be again forced from the line-up.

### Cravath Has Been Weak in the Pinches

AS FAR as Cravath is concerned, his loss would be felt less than that of Killefer. In the first place, Gavy is not likely to be out of the game because of this injury. But even if he were forced to remain on the bench as long as two weeks, there would be no perceptible decline in the Phillies' attacking power.

It appears that baseball followers believe, for the most part, that the loss of a man who is deemed strong enough to bat in the clean-up position necessarily is a severe blow. Ordinarily this may be true, but at present it is not, for the very good reason that Cravath has not been batting in the form this year that justifies his hitting in position No. 4.

When the last figures were compiled Cravath was hitting only .256. As a matter of fact his work with the stick has been even worse than these none too flattering figures indicate. Time and again Gavy has gone to the bat with men on bases and at a time in the game when a hit would almost certainly have meant victory. On the majority of these occasions Cravath has not come through with a clean blow. On the contrary, he has been rather easily fooled by the opposing pitcher and has become the repeated victim of fannings.

Wilbur Good is not as strong a hitter as Cravath by any means, but he will doubtless be able to spin along as a cog in the Philly machine as well as Cravath has been doing recently.

### Bancroft Rapidly Becoming Seasoned Performer

DAVE BANCROFT has shown remarkable improvement all season and in the last few weeks has been exhibiting a sterling brand of shortstopping. Last year Dave was regarded as a second Maraville-to-be. This year his admirers and the experts are omitting the "to-be." He has apparently "arrived." Lack of major league seasoning was Danny's only fault, and now he seems to have acquired all the polish born of experience to make him a perennial phenomenon.

On Saturday Bancroft participated in a triple and double play, both of which came at an exceedingly timely period of the contest for the Phillies. While the Phils eventually won the game from the Giants at 7-3, it is highly probable that they would have been beaten if the triple play had not been made at a time when it looked as though the Giants were bent on pulling off a prolonged and fruitful rally.

Bancroft is contributing his share to the offensive movements of the Phillies as well as tearing along at a break-neck clip. He gradually is becoming a good watter, which in turn means that he not only gets more and more bases on balls, but his batting eye is improving so much that he is hitting oftener and with more precision than he ever did before.

### Braves' Victories of Doubtful Local Value

THE double victory of the Boston Braves over the Brooklyn Dodgers is of doubtful value to the Phillies. It all depends on which one of these teams proves to be the one with which the Phillies have to fight it out for the pennant. The Phillies' slaying of the Giants while Stallings' men were hammering out their two wins in Flatbush Saturday put the local crowd within five and a half games of the top. But it put Boston within four games of Brooklyn, which is a condition of affairs not to be accepted lightly by Philadelphia rooters.

McGraw's Harlem Hirelings are not likely to make great trouble for any one concerned. They were losing with considerable consistency before Arden was injured. After his enforced retirement, the Giants are very apt to take the elevator in the direction of the ground floor. At any rate, the Phillies should benefit by New York's weakness and make a substantial gain regardless of the outcome of the Brooklyn-Boston series. In fact, the Phillies must continue to go at a fast clip, for there is no indication that either the Dodgers or the Braves are going to crack under the much talked of strain. That the champions can keep up the pace is the firm belief of Patrick J. Moran. The only thing, he believes, that is needed for his team to go to the top and stay there is a little pitching assistance from McQuillan, Chalmers and Oeschger. The other hurlers are doing their part.

### Ted Meredith Getting in Shape for European Drive

TED MEREDITH has begun to get in shape for the long-expected drive on the Swedish front. For a while the ex-Penn middle-distance champion was undecided whether he should make a European invasion during these turbulent times. However, he has at last accepted the proposition made to him by the Swedish Athletic Association through Hertsberg, the Scandinavian track coach. In the games at the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. Field Saturday, Ted showed that he does not have to do more than keep in his present condition to be able to defeat all comers at Stockholm in October. He took a flyer at the 100-yard dash, winning it in 19 2/5. Shortly afterward he reeled off a 440-yard dash in :55 flat, without having any competition worth mentioning.

Meredith does not believe in a great deal of work to keep in top form for sprinting. That is, he does not believe in it for himself. He has often said that every man should work out, in a general way, his own salvation regarding training. Consequently, Ted will take part in various meets, including the national championships at Newark, before he sails for Copenhagen on September 28.

It will be interesting to see just how much advancement has been made by the Swedish athletes since they have adopted exclusively American methods. They made a great showing in the 1912 Olympic games in spite of their lack of knowledge on track subjects. Four years have now passed and the athletes of Scandinavia have been emulating the best Americans during that time. Meredith himself believes that he will have a much harder time winning the 440 and 880 events against the Swedes alone than he had against the great international field in 1912.

### Williams Still Erratic on Tennis Courts

ALTHOUGH R. Norris Williams, 2d, defeated George M. Church in the challenge round at Seabright for the Achilles cup, he showed that he is still erratic and that he must play steadier tennis to win back his lost national laurels at Forest Hills. But for an unfortunate accident, Church would probably have captured the match. In the second set, while reaching for the net, the former Princeton champion pulled a tendon. He gamely continued, but his play naturally lacked the punch that he had put into it up to that time.

It is reasonable to suppose that Church would have continued at the pace he began had he not been injured. He took the first set at 7-5 and was leading at 2-0 in the second when he was hurt. After losing the next two at 6-3, Church breached and took the fourth by the score, 6-4. But the effort was too much and he did not have a chance in the final and deciding set, which went to Williams at 6-3.

If Church completely recovers he will have a great chance to land the national title. No player in the country has shown such consistent improvement. Being well grounded in the game's fundamentals, plus the vim he has injected into it, Church should make a better showing than any other Eastern player, with the possible exception of Williams.

One of the most consistent local athletes is Olga Dorfner. She came within two-fifths of a second of equaling her own record for the 100-yard swim in Atlantic City on Saturday. The water conditions were by no means ideal, hence her performance was all the more remarkable.

## WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



## KILBANE FOOLS "WISEACRES" BY PUTTING UP FORFEIT TO WEIGH 122 FOR CHANEY BOUT

### Champion Posts Real Money He Can Scale Feather Limit for Labor Day Battle—Other Sports Comment by the Sports Editor

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

WHEN Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, took his pen in hand the other day and affixed his John Hancock to a set of articles to box George Chaney on Labor Day, he put the muzzle on the majority of the critics who have been panhandling him for the last year. Jawn did not stop with the Spencerian exercise, but followed it with a big bundle of regular money, which was posted as a forfeit for weight and appearance. The appearance stuff, which was posted as a forfeit of excitement, but the weight question made the aforesaid critics sit up and take notice.

For a long time Kilbane has been roasted unmercifully because of the "soft money" he was supposed to be gathering in. It was pointed out that the champion was pulling a Freddie Welsh on the deal and refused to meet any one but the easiest marks in the game. After the "roasters" got through with this line of attack, they started in on the weight question, and soon many really believed that Johnny never would be able to make 122 pounds again.

Dougherty's Offer Spurned  
When Jimmy Dougherty put up \$10,000 for a battle between Kilbane and Chaney at Leipsville last spring, these wise persons boldly asserted that nothing would come out of it because the champion could not make the weight. This could not be proved, as the match never went beyond the talking stage, as Chaney politely but firmly refused to consider the match. Then came Matt Hinkley's offer and once more the weight stuff bubbled to the surface.

But Johnny has silenced his critics, temporarily at least. When he dumped that load of coin of the realm in Hinkley's hands, there were gasps of surprise, for Kilbane is a business person and never would put up regular money if he wasn't sure he had a mighty good chance to get it back.

Can Make Weight  
We visited Kilbane when we were in Cleveland a month ago, and watched the champion take a light workout. He seemed to be in the best of shape, although he had not been boxing much, and after the workout he stepped on the scales and tipped the beam at 127 pounds, or five pounds more than the featherweight limit. With a little hard work, it's a cinch that Jawn will hit 122 or under long before the date of his meeting with the Baltimore slugger. It looks to us as if Chaney would have the trouble making weight.

This Chaney-Kilbane fuss promises to be a regular battle, and no doubt will draw a tremendous crowd. It is getting all kinds of advertising, but it looks like the best match in years, and deserves all it gets. George is the first real featherweight to even be considered since Johnny won the title from Abe Attell. Many have tried to claim recognition, but some one always knocked them off when they were going good, and they had to start all over again. Chaney, however, has a good record behind him, and is the only logical opponent in the country today.

Anxious for Bout  
Both Kilbane and Jimmy Dunn, his manager, have been anxious to meet Chaney any place—except Baltimore. They called off the scrap which was scheduled for March 17 in the Monumental City, for reasons of their own, and tried to put it on in some other city. Chaney balked, however, and negotiations were off.

When Bletzer and Chaney were holding out for more money, after Hinkley offered \$5000 to the challenger, Dunn feared that the match would fall through. He stated that he would put up a \$5000 side bet, and at the end was willing to accept the bout on a winner-take-all basis. Dunn knew that his man was Chaney's superior and wanted to take long chances to prove it.

Barring accidents, the scrap will take place on September 4, and the long-drawn-out discussion will be brought to an end.

McGuigan Has Show  
The local boxing season will be ushered in on Wednesday, August 23, when Jack McGuigan throws open the doors of the National A. C. Young Ahearn and referee in the wind-up against Jack Blackburn, and a good card has been made up to precede it. Ahearn has not been doing much since his collision with Mike Gibbons' right fist, and will make an effort to stage a comeback. Blackburn also is anxious to get off to a good start this season, and will do his best to prove that he is as good as Gibbons.

The Olympia holds its first show on the 23rd, with Jimmy Moloney, the amateur bantam champion, stacked up against Joe O'Donnell, of Gloucester. Moloney is training at Betterton, Md., and is said to be in great shape for his professional debut. Another bout on the program that looks very good is the Frankie White-Johnny Mealey fust. These boys were matched last spring, but White was taken ill and could not appear.

Zbyszko Wrestles Tonight  
Zbyszko, the Polish champion, and Frank Schultz, one of the best wrestlers ever developed in Germany, will grapple at Central Park, on North Fifth street, tonight, in one of the elimination contests to select a successor to Frank Gotch. It is the first meeting between the pair, and much interest has been aroused by the event. Zbyszko weighs 234 pounds, while Schultz makes the scales crack at 274. If the platform is strong enough, the match should be real exciting.

When Frank Gotch broke his leg in a wrestling bout in Kenosha, Wis., the amateur was among the many who claimed the title. Joe Stecher and Stranger Lewis also had designs on the crown, but that meant nothing to the mighty Pole. He admitted he deserved the championship and now is trying to prove his claim. He is ready to meet any one in the world at any time and if successful with Schultz tonight he will not stop until he has ruined all of the other claimants.

## Eddie Plank Allows Nine Hits in Four Games, Fitted in Period of Thirteen Days

SINCE July 30, Eddie Plank, the veteran southpaw, has pitched four games and in that time allowed only nine hits and two runs. This is an average of 2.25 hits per game and an average of .50 run per game.

Here are the figures:

Date	Opponent	Runs	Hits
July 30	New York	0	4
August 4	Boston	0	2
August 8	Washington	1	1
August 12	Cleveland	0	2

## Scraps About Scrapppers

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

George Blackburn has a good chance to earn some real money in his bout with Al Wagner in the star bout at the Broadway Club tonight. The K. of C. program has been spinning bona fide, and if Blackburn is able to erase Wagner's record would mean a big boost for his ability.

Two real prize knockout kids, Joe Dorsey and Wally Nelson, will appear in respective bouts on the Broadway Club August 23. The former will take on Billy Hines and the Nelson bantam will be opposed to Wilbur Good.

One hundred and sixteen pounds ring-side governor the return bill between Joe Tubber and Terry Ketchel in the featherweight class when tomorrow night. Terrible Terry surprised the National Club August 23. As Young Ahearn and Jack Blackburn are clever exponents of the scientific scrap, should anyone who throws gloves at each other in the final, a special show, with Young Lokrey and W. West, will be held at the Broadway August 22.

Black vs. white, white vs. white and black vs. black will be the feature of the special Negro Girls' boxing program at the reopening of the National Club August 23. As Young Ahearn and Jack Blackburn are clever exponents of the scientific scrap, should anyone who throws gloves at each other in the final, a special show, with Young Lokrey and W. West, will be held at the Broadway August 22.

Some boxers cannot realize when an opportunity is given them to make a reputation over night, after they have clamored for recognition. When their demands increase so much that matchmakers are forced to pass them up. Wally Nelson, who has been showing well in the preliminaries, is offered a chance to appear in a wind-up by should be glad to get the opportunity, and not try to hold up the promoter for the clubhouse.

There will be two titles at stake Labor Day in the featherweight and light-welter class when Fred Welsh and Charley White and Johnny Kilbane and George Chaney meet. Ten to 1 are the odds that neither crowd will change hands. The same gamble is fair that Jack Dillon is a winner over Jim Coffey.

The scheduled Johnny Kilbane-Irish Pater "line" match in New York Thursday night has been called off. Mat Hinkley, promoter and referee in the Kilbane-George Chaney match, refused to allow the champion to compete in another bout previous to the Chaney match. A wire from Cleveland states that Kilby is rounding into great shape and that he probably will be a 6-to-3 favorite.

Only two weeks remain before seven or eight clubs will begin the regular boxing season. The Philadelphia National Ryan Broadway Club, Quaker City and Model clubs will hold weekly bouts, while a new Kensington and West Philadelphia arena may get the field.

## HATS OFF TO OLD BOB EMSLIE, FOR QUARTER OF A CENTURY THE DIAMOND'S UNSUNG HERO

### Grantland Rice Pays Stirring Tribute to Veteran Arbitrator Who Has Served Twenty-five Years Continuously in National Game

By GRANTLAND RICE  
Ballads of Heroes  
(Bob Emslie has just concluded his twenty-fifth year as an umpire.)

When Hindenburg held the Russ at bay  
His name was entered upon Fame's hall;  
When General Joff checked the Teuton army,  
The Red Cross bowed to this mighty hero!

The Trooper faces the shrapnel's spray,  
And he is a hero beyond recall;  
To face grim death in the deadly fray,  
To give your life for the country's call—  
Where has glory a greater host?  
Who is the greatest hero of them all?  
Emslie's the entry that gets my vote!

Who can tell where the old flag stays?  
Shore and Leonard, Ruth and Mays,  
Who is after the winning score?  
Ruth and Leonard, Mays and Shore,  
Who has the stuff that is swift as truth?  
Mays and Leonard, Shore and Ruth,  
Who are the blokes with the pen and clutch?  
Cari and Earnest and Babe and Dutch.

Here is one answer to the slipping progress  
as observed by Grover Cleveland Alexander.  
He is on his way to 20 victories  
where no other pitcher in either major league has yet won 20.

Speaking of machine morale, esprit de corps and such, no ball club in either league has anything on Brooklyn. Which, if you are looking for an answer, is one of the reasons for Brooklyn's place in the standing of the clubs.

AN UMPIRE for 25 years and still alive and fairly cheerful! The combined hats of the universe should be doffed to Mr. Emslie.

No one has yet been able to manufacture armor for a battleship that is impenetrable and impervious. What about a battleship made from the hide of an umpire who could last 25 campaigns?

It has taken Freddie Welsh a trifle over two years to offer a real defense of his title, but he has come upon a first-class test at last.

There may be some argument as to whether White, Leonard or Dundee is the better man, but as the difference among the trio of challengers is so slight, this ar-

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HUM-MMM??

HAM-M-MMM??

HOH-H-HHH??

HEM-MMM??

GEE!

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I CAN'T THINK OF THE JOKE I WAS TO CRACK TODAY!!!